

## Message Text

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TAGS: PGOV, SN

SUBJ: TOP CIVIL SERVANT GEORGE BOGAARS STEPS DOWN

1. PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE ANNOUNCED ON JULY 7 THAT GEORGE BOGAARS HAD STEPPED DOWN AS FOREIGN MINISTER (MFA) PERMANENT SECRETARY AND HEAD OF THE CIVIL SERVICE FOR "PERSONAL REASONS". IN CONVERSATION WITH THE CHARGE, BOGAARS SAID THAT HE RESIGNED BECAUSE OF THROMBOSIS OF THE EYE WHICH HAD CAUSED A PARTIAL FAILURE OF VISION IN THE RIGHT EYE. HE SAID HE EXPECTED TO RECEIVE AN AMBASSADORIAL APPOINTMENT IN WESTERN EUROPE, WHICH WOULD PRESUMABLY INVOLVE LESS PAPERWORK AND LESS EYE-STRAIN.

2. HOWE YOON CHONG, CHAIRMAN OF THE PORT OF SINGAPORE AUTHORITY, WILL REPLACE BOGAARS AS HEAD OF THE CIVIL SERVICE. BOGAARS' REPLACEMENT AS PERMANENT SECRETARY IN MFA IS CHIA CHEONG FOOK. FORMER MANPOWER DIRECTOR OF THE DEFENSE MINISTRY, CHIA ATTENDED A MANAGEMENT COURSE AT THE NAVAL POST GRADUATE SCHOOL IN MONTEREY DURING MID-1974. CHIA HAS HAD FAIRLY CLOSE CONTACTS WITH USDAO AND APPEARS TO BE FUNDAMENTALLY PRO-UNITED STATES. CHIA'S PRESENT POSITION AS PERM SEC, MINISTRY OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS, WILL BE TAKEN OVER BY TAN CHOK KIAN, PERM SEC (BUDGET) FINANCE MINISTRY. GRANT

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